Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 28 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Monday 29 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 27 Mar 2021 at 16:20 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: The main uncertainty relates to the distribution of rainfall on Monday, otherwise high for wet and windy conditions over the next few days and for colder, drier conditions towards midweek.

Headline for Sunday 28 Mar 2021: Morning sunshine and snow showers. Heavy snow turning to rain later. Very windy.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 28 Mar 2021

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers (night)	Light snow showers	Sunny intervals	Heavy snow	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
70%	70%	40%	30%	50%	80%	90%	80%

Forecast for Sunday 28 Mar 2021

Weather: Bands of heavy rain (snow above 600-800m, perhaps briefly bringing blizzard conditions) will clear east by dawn. Then a bright, chilly morning with a few well scattered but locally heavy snow showers. Showers will give way to thicker cloud spreading northwards across Skye from mid-morning to the far north by early afternoon, bringing heavy snow, this soon turning to rain at all levels along with extensive hill fog. Some shelter for the far north and east.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 75% decreasing to 10% from the south from mid-morning.

Visibility: Morning showers will be well scattered but may reduce visibility to only a few hundred metres and bring patches of cloud down to 400-600m. Otherwise cloud will be well broken and most summits clear until cloud thickens from the south widely to 500-700m, often lower along the west coast. Below this, rain will often reduce visibility to several kilometres, but best of the shelter will be across eastern parts or Easter Ross.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	49/63 S	42/55 SW	36/47 SW	41/56 SW	39/54 SW	38/50 S	49/65 SW	42/58 SW	38/56 SW
900	45/59 S	40/53 SW	34/45 SW	40/54 SW	37/52 SW	35/47 S	45/61 SW	39/56 SW	35/53 SW
600	33/47 S	28/41 SW	24/36 SW	29/44 SW	28/42 SW	25/37 S	32/48 SW	29/45 SW	27/45 SW
300	9/46 S	10/40 SW	8/35 SW	12/42 SW	12/39 SW	7/33 S	10/45 SW	11/44 SW	10/41 SW
Glen	21/46 S	17/35 SW	14/30 SW	17/34 SW	17/35 SW	15/33 S	23/48 SW	20/43 SW	19/43 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	1/-8	-1/-11	-3/-12	-3/-13	-2/-11	-0/-8	4/-4	4/-4	4/-3
900	2/-7	-0/-9	-2/-11	-2/-11	-1/-10	1/-7	4/-3	4/-2	5/-2
600	4/-3	2/-5	0/-7	1/-7	2/-6	3/-4	6/0	6/1	6/1
300	5/3	4/1	2/-1	3/-1	4/0	5/2	7/5	8/6	8/5
Glen	8/4	7/2	5/1	6/2	7/3	7/4	10/6	10/7	10/6
Freezing Level*	1400m	800m	500m	500m	700m	1300m	2100m	2000m	2000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Winds may reach 70mph on highest summits and ridges. Best conditions through morning ahead of cloud and heavy rain. Some sunglare is possible off the remainins snowfields through morning sunshine.

Forecast for Monday 29 Mar 2021

Weather: Heavy and persistent rain continuing, especially across the southern ranges while northern ranges may see a drier, brighter morning, but this is uncertain. The afternoon and evening will be more reliably wet leading to some large rainfall totals across the western ranges, always drier across the more sheltered east.

Maximum wind: Southwest 30-35 gusting 50-60mph through morning, easing to 25-30 gusting 45mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% in the north through morning, otherwise very little chance.

Visibility: Best chance of very good visibility north of Torridon through morning and in the far east towards Ben Wyvis. Otherwise, cloud will be extensive above 400-600m, often lower across Skye. Heavy rain will leave glens rather hazy and reduce visibility to several kilometres.

Temperature: **Glens:** 6-8C rising 9 or 10C.
At 800m: 2C rising 4C.
Freezing level: Above summits, perhaps falling to 1000m across the northern ranges.

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